

ON BILLS.

RULE XXI.

Every bill shall be introduced on bill paper in the regular form, which shall be read the first time and then referred by the President to its appropriate Standing Committee, unless otherwise ordered, and it shall be the province and duty of the said committee to report said bill either favorably or unfavorably, with or without amendments. When the bill is reported with amendments, the amendments proposed shall be on separate paper attached to the original bill, and all reports of the Standing Committee which contain amendments shall lie over one day for consideration, unless by unanimous consent the Senate shall otherwise direct.

RULE XXII.

Every bill or resolution originating in the Senate or received from the House shall be read on three several days, unless the Senate, by special order — two-thirds of the Senators-elect agreeing—dispense with the rule, and shall always be open to the examination of Senators when in the possession of the Senate.

RULE XXIII.

Every bill or resolution originated and passed by the House of Delegates shall, after the first reading in the Senate, be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee, or to a Select Committee, by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

RULE XXIV.

Bills of general character, and such as are amendatory of the charters of private corporations, shall be printed after their first reading, and of all other bills a typewritten copy shall be filed with the Secretary at the time of their introduction, but all bills may be printed, by order of the Senate, at any stage whatsoever.

RULE XXV.

Whenever any Senate bill or resolution shall have been read through a second time, with or without amendment, the President shall ask the question: "Shall this bill or resolution be